Damoria bridge in Jalandhar

3366. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact .that former Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone in 1997 for the construction of prestigious bridge known as Damoria bridge in Jalandhar (Punjab);

if so, the total amount sanctioned and released so far by Central Government;

whether the construction of bridge has been delayed due to release of funds by the Central Government; and

if so, the steps being taken for immidiate release of funds to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Construction of Damoria Road Over Bridge (ROB) was sanctioned by the Ministry under Central Road Fund Scheme. The total cost of construction of ROB is Rs. 26.11 crore. Out of this, share of Railway is Rs. 5.33 crore and Ministry's share is Rs. 20.78 crore. The work is being executed by the Municipal Corporation Jalandhar. Funds are released for the works sanctioned under CRF to the State Governments depending upon the utilization certificate furnished by the States. Funds are not released under CRF for any individual work. However, the State Government of Punjab was requested to provide adequate funds to Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar for Damoria Bridge from the CRF release made to the State Government of Punjab.

Four and six-laning of NHs

3367. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that four-laning of National Highways (NHs) Chandigarh-Kiratpur-Amritsar-Pathankot and Jalandhar, six-laning of Ludhiana-Chandigarh and four-laning of Ludhiana-Ferozepur highways have not been completed so far by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

if so, the reasons for slow progress of these projects; and

by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Four laning of Kurali-Kiratpur (Section of Chandigarh-Kiratpur NH-21) is targeted to be completed by June, 2010 and four laning of Dhilwan-Verka Chowk (Section of Amritsar-Jalandhar NH-1) is targeted to be completed by November, 2008. The length of Chandigarh-Kurali (section of Chandigarh-Kiratpur NH-21) is 28.6 km. Out of this, stretch from km 0.0 to km 11.4 is four/six laned. Four laning from km 11.4 to 15.4 has been sanctioned for Rs. 13.51 crore on 31.03.2008 by Ministry. Four laning of balance stretch of 14 km of Chandigarh-Kurali, Amristar-Pathankot, Jalandhar-Dhilwan (section of Amristar-Jalandhar NH-1) and Ludhiana-Talwandi (section of Ludhiana-Ferozepur NH-95) and six laning of Ludhiana-Chandigarh NH-95 have not been awarded. It is too early to indicate the target dates of